



**Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Linkletter Hall
June 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President John Beitzel in Linkletter Hall at Olympic Medical Center and was opened with the pledge of allegiance. Present were Commissioners Jim Cammack, Arlene Engel, Jean Hordyk, Jim Leskinovitch, John Miles, MD and John Nutter; Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis; Chief Medical Officer Scott Kennedy, MD, Chief Financial Officer Julie Rukstad, Assistant Administrators Rhonda Curry, Pamela Hawney, Administrative Director Donna Davison; Chief Technology Officer Linda Brown, Compliance Officer Mic Sager; Legal Counsel Vickie L. Brewer; public members and Executive Assistant Gay Lynn Iseri.

Chief Medical Officer Scott Kennedy, MD introduced Dr. Christopher Williams, medical oncologist to the Board.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

Ronald Bergman, MD, MPH, Family Practice / Pain Management / Lower Elwha Clinic presented to the board on the global issue of prescription drug abuse. He noted chronic pain is a major health care issue that leads to an inability to care for one's self or get along with others. Unintentional substance related poisoning deaths have risen sharply since 1990 and pharmaceutical misuse is jeopardizing those patients who need them. The death rate in Washington from prescription drug abuse related causes now exceed the death rate from motor vehicle accidents, and Clallam County has a higher death rate than average in the state. Because of the potential for prescription drug abuse and medical legal issues, providers are increasingly reluctant to treat patients resulting in patients turning to illegal ways of obtaining these medications. He discussed the federal, state, city, county and tribal initiatives to manage and educate patients and providers. Providers are also promoting treatment options less reliant on opioids and expanding treatment to integrated complementary treatment approach. The drug return program was also discussed noting strict DEA guidelines that must be adhered to.

SERVICE LINE UPDATE: INPATIENT / EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Lorraine Wall, RN, MSN, Chief Nursing Officer presented the monthly service line update. Discussion ensued about staffing. It was noted we are fully staffed for nursing except for one per diem position in CCU that is currently posted. See attached slides.

COMPLIANCE EDUCATION AND UPDATE

Compliance Officer Mic Sager discussed Medicare reimbursement. Medicare pays only for medically necessary services. They decide what's medically necessary, and place limits on how often they will pay for certain services. The Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) informs the patient if it is believed Medicare will not pay for the service, and that they will be responsible for the charges. Published criteria for over 400 different services are changed quarterly at a minimum. Effective April 1, 2010, any ABN issued would automatically be denied without analysis leaving the patient to handle the claim. OMC Medicare billers identified this issue that was discussed with the Director of Revenue Cycle and himself. Contact was made to CMS and correspondence was received back to OMC that they would rescind the policy. Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis and Board President John Beitzel commented on the success of OMC being able to influence the total system.

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS AGREEMENTS

Linda Brown, Chief Technology Officer requested the following approval:

EMR e-Prescribing Software for Meditech

This necessary, three-year subscription for software as a link between Meditech and Surescripts will provide functions for inpatient medication management for Physician Order Entry, a portion of Physician Care Manager in 2011. The contract is necessary now to help assure we are ready for meaningful use by 6/30/12.

MOTION: To approve the three-year contract for 'Dr. First' software at the cost of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$162,000) beginning January 1, 2012 as presented. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Meditech Consultant

This Meditech consultant will provide consulting guidance on clinical initiatives over pharmacy and nursing application and will work with Nursing and Clinical Informatics staff. They will also be helping with the Emergency Department EMR selection and other Meditech EMR projects.

MOTION: To approve the contract with Consultant People LP for consulting services at FIFTY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$59,360) plus travel and other expenses not to exceed TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000) for a maximum cost of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$71,360) as presented. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Ms. Brown then introduced a contract with ECG Management Consulting on legal, financial and technical items related to offering GE Centricity to private physicians and an interface contract with Meditech for the EKG Tracemaster System. The software and implementation fee is a total of \$68,834.

Board President John Beitzel commented on the huge costs of Electronic Medical Record (EMR) and asked Ms. Brown for the ongoing operating cost to keep EMR functioning.

OTHER

Mr. Lewis noted a draft copy of the Olympic Medical Physicians Physician Operating Council Operating Rules included in the packet. These will be discussed at the next board meeting, and then referred to the Board Strategic Planning Committee and back to the full board for approval in July for possible action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

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